essential to the needs of large, majority of the people of of country at making toe. price control jess cianibersosiei but more effective by reducing the gjan of control and at ensuring reasonable B«-turn to the producers of essential drags, wMle at the same- time restricting indue increase in their price: With 4 yiewnte encourage production of drugs which are more essential to the needs of the cetm-• try, incentives, other than the MAPE wouy also be considered. It is alsj, proposed to strictly monitor the price of drugs of decontrolled category and to develop an effective monitoring mecfia'-nbm for this purpose with a view to bringing any drug'in decontrolled category within the ambit of control at any point of time, should it be considered necessary to do so.

Meeting of Expert Conmtttoe

969. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY ha pleased to refer to the answeT to S*amd Question 165 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March 1987 and

(a) whether it is fact that theSupwj Committee has decided to nfeet the asso ciations of the Drug Indnstry and Medical Profession before finalisation. of their recommendations for inclosion of drugs under. Category II;

(b) if so, how many meetings in this regard have been eld till ate;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Committee recently held a meeting at Bbmbayj

(d) if so, what are the names of the associations of Industry, Trade, Consumtr and Medical Profession with whom the aforesaid meeting was held;

(e) whether « is als,, a fact the none Of -the three Medical expext wore present in the meeting; and

r (f) if so, what were- the neaeans there for and what purpose would he served without the presence- of Medical esperte?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF, CHEMICALS AND PETRO CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)°te (d)The Committee met the following in this regard at Bombay on 31st March and 1st April, -1987:

(i) Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association

(ii) Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India

(iii) Indian Medical Association

(iv) Indian Pharmaceutical Associa- tion -

(v) Association for Consumers Action on Safety and Health

, (vi)Arogya Mitra Mandal

(vii) Foundation for Research in Community Health. -

(e), ana(f) Two nominees of the Ministry of Health on the Committee ' could not attend the meeting dne to last minute administrative difficulties. Another Member, Prof. RamaHngaswamy could not attend the meeting since he was abroad o» a foreign assignment.

Expert committee for identification of drags

970. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;.

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has appointed an expert committee to identify drugs for price control unddr category II of the proposed Drug Price Control Order;

(b) if *se,* how many phamnacologists and medical experts have been taken in the committee alongwith their names and institution, to which each i» attached;

(c) whether k is a fact that certain experts of other fields We been taken in the committee; if so, what are the names of those members;

(d) what were the considerations and objectives under which those members were selected;

(e) what is the term *tit* reference 3f the committee *akmgmta* the details of guidelines given to the committee;

(If)'whether "any criteria-for identification" of. drugs have been provided t_0 the committee; and

(g) if so, what are the details theerof

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND FETRp-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH?!: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The names of the Members of the Committee as partially modified on 2nd March, 1987 are, given in the enclosed statement. *ISee* Starred Question 169 supra]. They have been included in the Committee on the basis of their expertise and contribution In the field of * Industrial Costs and Prices, Pharma-j cology, Food and Drug Administrationand Medicines.

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(e) to (g) Government has announced measures for rationalisation, quality con-fro] and growth of the drugs and pharmaceutical industry in the country, copies of wfoich are available in the parliament Library. In persuance thereof the Committee has been constituted to identify drugs to be included in Category ii

Unsatisfactory programme of Mogas plants

97L SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact, 4hat a large number of biogas plants installed in various States are not functioning and huge quantity of financial assistance provided for them has bean wasted;

(b) if so what are the reasons there-tor;

(c) what percentage of biogas plants installed so far are not functioning and What was the approximate financial sub- ' sidy provided for them by the" Union and state Governments respectively;

(d) what steps are being token by Gov-ernment to repair these biogas plants which We not functioning; and

(e) what action, has- been taken by Government *to* minimise the" percentage of failure in biogas plants?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND,, THE MINISTER OF STEEL ' AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (e) to (c) No, Sir.

Evaluation survey study conducted byfive independent agencies Indicate that on an' average about 15 percent of plant* installed were non-functional at a giventime. Installation of family based biogas plants is highly decentralised programme. A small percentage of biogas plants re? main non-functional at a given time.

The amount*of Central, subsidy varies according to the capacity of the plants and category of beneficiaries; functionality of biogas plants depends upon many factors which *Mer-alia,* include structural defects, simple operational problems and exteirnal actors like drought, floods liti-. gation, etc. Besides, some State Governments are also providing additional subsidy. Therefore, it may not be feasible to indicate the subsidy provided for setting up of plants which are non-functional at any given time.

(d> Government has taken various steps to revive non-functional plants *Viz*-provision of grants upto, Rs. 500 per de-fective. plant for repair. of structural defects, organisation. of one-day Users / Training Courses in operation and maintenance of biogas plants, organisation of practical training for village mason? and technicians in me construction of biogas plants, and provision $_D$f turn-key job fee at the rate of Rs. 300 per plant for construction on turn-key basis with a mnji-nvirn nf two years' warranty^ period. Higher reoair chages are also being given On case by' case" basis..